



Tennessee Department of Health
Andrew Johnson Tower
710 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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RE: Phase 1C of COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

Dear Colleagues,

As we expand our COVID Vaccine distribution into Phase 1C, which allows for persons with high-risk health conditions to be eligible to receive the COVID vaccine, we would like to remind all providers of the COVID vaccine that:

1. Persons that qualify for the COVID vaccine under Phase 1C due to their high-risk co-morbidities (please see page 19 of the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan), do not and should not need to specify the status of their health conditions in order to receive the COVID vaccine.
2. A clinician or health care provider's note/letter stating a person's health condition is not required for a person to receive the COVID vaccine under Phase 1C.
3. No cost related to the vaccine or its administration is ever to be billed to a patient.

Please refer to the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan if you require more information (https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf).

Thank you for your continued efforts and hard work to ensure our state is vaccinated, and we continue to reduce COVID-19 within in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle D. Fiscus'.

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